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#### An Incorruptible Public Servant.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 1909.

Ethan Allen Hitchcock, whose death we Iministrative task of his life awaited m. The department had become insted with dry rot and with petty forms corruption. He was surrounded by bordinates who were continually becretary. Eventually they were discovat they were in league with powerful spoilers of the public domain, and with us land laws

The situation might have appalled a ss courageous man. Mr. Roosevelt has navailing, for, as Mr. Hitchcock has cut-up. id in a public address, "the policy of emptation at the solicitation of those and we do not blame him. igher up who have inaugurated the rime." The results justified the policy people millions of acres of the public necessity demands. domain. In a single instance the department saved to the government, by opposing a Congressional scheme of sale, have been the profit of speculators.

In the address just mentioned Mr. a truism too often forgotten in the lust

the rough House stage, at all events.

# More Panama Canal Controversy.

Gatun dam is being built on an insufficient foundation-an assumption which is based on information wholly out of date. The Gatun dam site has been critically examined by our engineers, and its character is no longer a matter of doubt. that is not altogether unworthy of emula-It is not being built on a quagmire, there is no porous stratum beneath the dam, and the foundation is not unstable. Such, says Maj. Morrow, are the conditions as they appear to the engineers responsible

for the construction of the dam. The agitation for the sea-level type of canal grew out of an insignificant slide on the Gatun dam site, the importance big policeman, who tells him to "move of which was magnified by people who should have known better. Of that slide,

"The first, which occurred some months ago, was on the site of the Gatum dam at a point where the seen more than four or three times, on old French canal crossed it. The silt which during an average. twenty years had accumulated in the old cut was forced aside by a portion of the rock fill deposit, exactly as was anticipated by the engineers in charge and exactly as happens possibly thousands of times yearly in engineering tractice the world over. The second slide, of about ten days ago, was in a railway embankment in the Gatuncillo swamp and however, no matter what the cost. more than a mile away from the Gatun dam site."

will be overcome as far as possible by the Saturday Evening Post. And any row sets the advantages of open water emphatically swept away forever. navigation at higher speed, resulting in a shorter passage; wider and less tortuous lake, which transforms the enemies of the sea-level ditch (the Chagres and other rivers) into faithful friends." He regards the dams required in the sea-level project as more dangerous than the Gatun dam, and unhesitatingly declares himself for the lock canal as in every ...\$6.00 per year way preferable. It is an opinion held by every competent engineer who has re-...\$4.80 per year cently examined the canal construction

A Missouri man has been given a six months' jail sentence for stealing a post-Manuscripts offered for publication will age stamp. Some more astute citizens, returned if unavailable, but stamps however, steal elections and are given ovations.

#### The Undovelike Mr. Croker.

Mr. Richard Croker's expressed disinclination to enact the role of "dove of New York Representative. J. C. WILBERDING peace" between certain warring factions of the Democracy in this land, and more is going, but is probably very uncertain especially in New York State, is not that he is even on his way. altogether surprising. Not that some thing of the kind does not seem to be stupendous and superstrenuous work such an undertaking would involve.

Mr. Croker has seen his political day ecord to-day, was an admirable type of in this country. His methods of control he high-minded public servant. Born in nay not have been ideal; they may not the South, yet with New England blood have appealed compellingly to altruistic pires are sitting up nights just now his velns, he became a merchant and American manhood, but he was a thinking of fool and idiotic decisions to anufacturer. He began his public ca- mighty captain of the Tammanyltes, and spring on meek and mild-mannered fans er in the diplomatic service, becoming it is not probable that interesting political r first ambassador to the Russian aggregation will ever see his like again ourt. During McKinley's administra- Croker's career was picturesque, and his on he was placed at the head of the is a highly engaging personality to conterior Department, where the great template in retrospect, whatever the fice? In order to be successful, it will truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth concerning the man may be. But as a "dove of peace" Mr. Croker would not shine. He suggests nothing aries, Mr. Edwards. Why not pay memappertaining to the dove. No such thing bers for the recess time and fine them aying the public interest and who for as billing and cooing is thinkable in conlong time managed to hoodwink the nection with Mr. Croker. If he were possessed of the old-time power to enforce discipline within the tangled ranks commanded, he might-doubtless would- tariff game without a sandbag, a "jimmy," nators and Representatives in Congress get order out of chaos; but it would not or something? anding back of defective and unright- be through any "dove-of-peace" methods. Not for Croker! He never brought about harmony in any such fashion. He simply more than one occasion adverted to takably, and pugnaciously. Whereupon e tremendous political and financial insences that were brought to bear on the it. Seldom did the old Croker have to go lministration to hold the hand of the after a wigwam cut-up the second time.

And so we think Mr. Croker is right in he department was to strike high and nipping in the bud any "dove-of-peace" it hard whenever the law in the case or expeditions that may have been framed ases justified such action, believing that up for him. You cannot teach an old he lawmaker who deliberately becomes dog new tricks, and by the same token going to be something better than a camlawbreaker is the greater criminal, and you could not make a "dove of peace" hould be dealt with without mercy, when out of an erstwhile "boss" built along ompared with the unwilling tool who, the rugged lines of Croker. He scorns to gnorant of the law, has yielded to round out his life in the role of blown,

No Democratic statesman from Dixie of thorough action, for the frauds feels thoroughly qualified for his job altogether new to American politics. of thorough action, for the frauds nowadays unless perfectly sure he can strain at tariff-for-revenue-only gnats sure and punishment have saved to the and swallow protection camels whenever

# The Navy in the Tropics.

Naval surgeons who are attached to nearly \$6,000,000 which would otherwise ships of war are renewing their recommendations, which seem to be made periodically without much effect, for the re-Hitchcock spoke of the intense interest duction in the period which officers and he felt in the recovery and protection of enlisted men of the naval service are rethe public domain, in the reclamation of quired to serve on board vessels on duty arid lands, and in the development of in tropical waters. It is considered that the Southwest Territories. That was the the period of such service should not be quality of all his work-it was solely in longer than eighteen months, especially the public behalf. He was not a poli- as vessels in southern waters are gentician, and cared nothing for politics in erally engaged on duty which permits the small sense. A piece of advice that very little opportunity for the enlisted holds good in every department of the men to go ashore, and then only for a government is left behind by this patri- very limited time. The naval medical otic public servant. It is that just so officers have pointed out that protracted long as government officials wear the collar of those to whom they are indebted ment to the health of officers and men, for their appointment, just so long will and inasmuch as such impairment of the we have land frauds and all other forms physical condition of individuals is an of public plunder and inefficiency. It is interference with efficiency, the appeal might very well be favorably entertained.

The proposition is closely allied with Well, well! The tariff bill has passed the recommendation from the same source that enlisted men of the navy be permitted more liberty on shore. This is a subject which the naval authorities Maj. Jay J. Morrow, of the Engineer in Washington should no longer avoid. Corps, and aforetime District Engineer It would probably be out of the ques-Commissioner, has been taking part in a tion to establish any definite rule which discussion of the relative merits of the would interfere with discipline on board sea-level and lock canal projects at Pan- ship, but surely a general regulation ama, in which he has quite the best of could be adopted which would indicate a the argument. He has been replying in policy of greater liberty in the matter of the New York Sun to animadversions on shore leave for naval enlisted men. The the lock project offered by Henry G. two conditions of protracted service in Granger, a civil engineer who has de- tropical waters and the long confinement voted much of his time to advocacy of under such circumstances to the limits the sea-level type and more or less in- of a ship of war constitute a subject telligent criticism of the lock canal which is intimately connected with the actually under construction. Maj. Mor- contentment and health of the personnel. row, however, easily convicts Mr. Gran- In time of peace it would seem that there ger of questionable controversial methods, could be adopted a reasonable concession particularly in the assumption that the regarding officers and men attached to vessels of war.

Collector William Loeb's evident determination to get a lot of money into the Treasury as soon as possible evidences a sort of ex post facto loyalty

For \$50,000 per annum, King Peter of Servia says he will retire to a Swiss hotel, and there spend the remainder of his life. Rather a cheap sort of Swiss hotel that, we fancy.

Everywhere Castro roams he meets a

A couple of months ago Mr. Roosevelt's and the one which has just occurred, Maj. name was not seen in the newspaper headlines more than three or four times a day, on an average. Now it is not

> France proposes to tax the owner of every foreign balloon alighting in that country \$120. France always has been a favorite landing place for high flyers,

Maj. Morrow thinks the lock type pre- the vulgarization of musical comedies. "There is a tendency at present toward sents but one disadvantage, compared Many plays are drawing big houses to with the sea-level type-the use of locks. which I would be ashamed to put my Against this solitary disadvantage, which name," says Mr. George M. Cohan, in

mechanical contrivances for safe and ex- frazzled doubt that Mr. Cohan is a real, peditious handling of traffic, Maj. Mor- genuine, first-class humorist was therein

Grover Cleveland's picture is to adorn a new issue of \$20 gold certificates. Time This institution is, I wot, channels; less danger of slides from the was when that would have been likely banks, and, finally, "a great regulating to throw a number of people into fits.

Since it has been decided not to tax tea and coffee the boarding house varieties are reported convalescent, but still

Mr. Taft has promised to become a ooter for the Washington baseball team. This gives us the Star Spangled Banner

So the tariff on silk suspenders and slik garters is not to stay put, eh? And yet ome people insist that the common people are not treated fairly by Congress.

A number of Cuban lawyers have decided that the rebellious activities of eight nen cannot constitute a "revolution. This shows that Cuba has progressed be yond the average Central American status, anyway.

The peppery little ex-President of Venezuela not only does not know where he

Congress may miss the advice it is not getting from the White House these days, eminently in order, but because of the but it is not showing any strenuous

> Monsieur is a short and ugly. That is, Monsieur Yellow Reporter.

> We have no doubt any number of um

Have the suffragertes ever considered the complexion question in the matter of women politicians and candidates for ofbe necessary for many of them to be twofaced, as political success often goes.

Another idea in re Congressional sal when in session?

An Illinois man stole sixty pairs of stockings in anticipation of a tariff tax on those articles. Wrong, perhaps; but how of the successors to the clans he once is the humble consumer to get in the

A woman's rights agitator declares that women are no better than men." It ordered harmony-emphatically, unmis- read such stuff. We know it is not true.

Evidently, the free lumber plank in the Democratic platform is full of knotholes.

Winter lingering in the lap of spring ecretary of the Interior. They were If he did, so much the worse for the attracts the regulation annual attention. Spring does not mind it, however; she knows she is just sweet.

#### Economy a Popular Policy. From the New York Mail.

"Retrenchment and reform" is really paign cry or a Congressional spasm. cessity. The outlook is for a steady prog-

#### Conducive to Long Life. From the Chicago Tribune,

Life insurance companies are trying to educate the people in the science of longevity. Learning how to live long, nevertheless, is a simple proposition, and may be condensed into one sentence: Get an appointment as one of the judges of the United States Supreme Court.

# Talk and Thought.

From the Chicago Record-Herald. little thought.

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Frick, it isn't necessarily so.

EVERY SATURDAY.

FRESH BLOOD.

Our erstwhile Fifteenth Street

Philosopher-W. B. H.-owing to

accumulating business incident to

these boom times, over which he

has no control, has been compelled

to vacate the editorial tripod. Re-

Cur Motto: If you see it in The Big

## A LITTLE NONSENSE.

A FINE INSTITUTION. school for office boys has been started in New York."-News Item.

With good points bristling. They have, I trust-Of course, they must-Within the ball department one May see lads poring O'er batting lines Of all the nines

And rules for scoring. They have a swimming class, no doubt, And one in fishing;

Perhaps a pool. For such a school I've long been wishing. This institution ought to make Just such a center As any boy Might well enjoy

And hope to enter.

A Wild Theory. "Our cook only comes about half the time.' "Ours, too." "Can it be that we have the same

Spring Tonic. "What you need is a mental tonic."

'Yes: you've been reading heavy stuff bastball lingo will liven you up a bit. Spring Poetry.

Unload on us a lot of cold Storage verse.

Which is a curse,

husband.'

The poets in their greed for gold.

"She is wonderfully accomplished. She can ride, fence, shoot, swim, golf, and "Cook? That's a queer fad. What will he girls be taking up next?"

Entirely Different.

'What do you think of the spring fash-"They must be all right. They certain-

Poor Girl.

"I fear she is too romantic."

BUSINESS METHODS.

## 'She was wishing yesterday that it were nable to live happily with one's

Result of Their Application in the From the New York Sun. Departments.

From the Chicago Record-Herald. Some of the anomalies of accounting methods in the departments were dwelt does not strain our optimism at all to upon in the report of the Keep Commission two years ago. Undoubtedly the prevailing system-or lack of system-taking

> ing on manufacturing and commercial her new ambitions. will be nearly a million,

#### CHARITABLE RELIEF.

Curious Reasons Prompting to Application for Aid.

From the Bulletin of the Bureau of Labor. More troublesome than mendicancy itcertain inclination to pauperism, which crops out in many charity recipients. Such a spirit of dependence was visible in sixty-nine families, forty of which were white and twenty-nine colored. The reliance upon charity here referred to did not quite assume the form of a positive delinquency. The dependence sometimes took on the aspect of faith, as in the case of an old man who when asked why he did not go to the poorhouse said that he relied on God to take care of him and keep him out of the poorhouse. When

friends or of churches. "I fear the family has been too much petted by the church people" is the impression of one agent in respect to a family that was accustomed to haunt the charity office. Quite was used to getting help here and there olks." A remarkable case of dependence vas that of a woman who relied on an ex-slave to support her. The faithful donestic worked only to keep her former mistress from want, and when the earnex-slave and not the mistress that visited the charity office

Further removed from delinquency than reliance on charity is a certain perversity of pride which figures in these cases with sufficient frequency to warrant mention here. In at least a dozen cases the applicants went to the charity office because they were too stubbern or too proud to appeal to natural supporters who were able and willing to help them. "A rich brother would give aid." is the agent's oote in one case, "but because she thinks he would give grudgingly she would rather take charity." In another case a woman applicant had relatives who wou ly make all previous fashions look obso- to the applicant, suggesting that she aphave helped her gladly. The agent wrote peal to her relatives for aid. The applicant refused, saying in the letter of reme to do what heaven and earth couldn't nake you do if you were in my place."

New Element in the Struggle for Naval Supremacy.

industrial corporation. The Baltimore dry dock at the present time capable of the situation at Washington, has being the new 4394-foot dock at Pola countants and consulting experts to sys- 450 feet-it was supposed that her expanpolicy, as it has long been a national ne-ployed to systematize the work of carry-shows that her new energy is equal to color he is, sure, or what gait he has,

give the same tinental and English papers were saying the most alarming character.

## AUSTRIAN SEA POWER.

The determination of the Austro-Hun- at a dinner the other night: garian empire to begin Dreadnought "There is nothing Mr. Jack Tar loves wilding, told in our cable dispatches on so much as to get on a horse's back, and Wednesday, marks the beginning of a the moment he reaches a port he is apt new phase in the struggle for the su- to hire a Bucephalus and try a canter. premacy of the seas. It was not wholly unexpected. The aggressive policy of the battle ship put into a certain port on the vailing system—or lack of system—taking the departments of government as a Prime Minister Aehrenthal made it altokened that he had come over from whole, would not be tolerated for a day most certain, but in view of the fact by the directors of a great railroad or that the empire does not possess a single livery for a riding horse. Sun has shown great interest in this receiving a 500-foot ship—the biggest she asked the liveryman. and urges the employment of public ac- and the Austrian Lloyd's No. 1 at Trieste, Patrick, the sailorman tematize bookkeeping methods and exsion would be delayed for some time.
sort of a horse do you want? What color,
amine accounts at stated intervals, as an All idea of delay is now past. Her refor instance, do you fancy? What gait? pumps, filters, engineers, firemen, and important aid to the general scheme of solve to lay down three big battle ships I have several riding horses here, and I burn one of several kinds of fuel. These inimediately and to increase her naval would prefer to pick out one that will be are only a few of the items to be concontent of the solution of the business world firms of expenditures from some \$63,000,000 to up- to your liking.'

Would prefer to pick out one that will be expenditures from some \$63,000,000 to up- to your liking.'

"It makes no difference to me what

ress toward the adoption of a system pursuits. They have been found great under which income and outgo may be alds to economy and efficiency, and there the European situation from the British is long enough, for there are eight of the wasted; therefore the available supply is at once doubled, provided you have the adjusted to each other with some ap- is no reason why the same kind of ex- point of view. Only last week both Con- a-goin to get upon the back of him. results if applied to the business of the that the famous "two-power standard"

## WASHINGTON CHAT.

By THE SPECTATOR.

self is a certain reliance upon charity, a serves, for there is no hostess in the James D. Allan, a prominent merchant ital goes back to her early girlhood, beautiful city in the world. when her father was first elected to the applying for charity, it seemed to him house since her mother's death, was just pressive about it; it is simply a monthat he was only falling in with a divine as earnest and painstaking as she is now, strosity. gaining an experience in the many years In some cases it is plain that the feeling of her residence here that makes her and I must say that I was sorely disapof reliance is due to the unwise action of actually the dean of the official women pointed. There is nothing there to show of the Capital. Miss Cannon is a woman to whom the word sterling best applies. She has no fads, no fancies, no eccentricities. She is a finely educated, peroften the person put down as relying upon charity polsed, earnest woman, who, becharity was an old colored woman who matters, is an astute politician. There from white people, and who regarded the charity agent simply as one of her "white her knowledge is profound, her judgment keen, and she is a diplomat, too, aithough she has not succeeded in obtaining for her father the second place in the past nineteen years, said: official code of precedence he and his logs were too scant for this, it was the predecessors have contended for-a contention based on the fact that the Speaker, as the direct representative of after the President.

the people, should come immediately directly after the ruler whom he will estimate in advance how much water succeed, and, according to the present law regarding the succession to the chief twelve months. The meter proved this office, the Cabinet, as well as the Vice President, outrank the Speaker-a position accorded to the former when the law of succession was changed, but, notwithstanding that change, the Speaker to what is termed the commercial user. still insists that he is entitled to the secand place in the nation. The Department State, however, places the President, the Vice President, foreign ambassadors, cretary of State, foreign ministers, the Chief Justice, and the President pro tem. of the Senate before the Speaker, and the way out of the difficulty is the one which Mr. Reed and Mr. Henderson adopted and which Mr. Cannon followsregarded as the guest of honor.

Speaking of the physical tests for which the naval officers now stationed in Washington are so assiduously preparing, one of their number told the following story

"Once upon a time the day after a

"'What sort of a horse do you want?" "'A riding horse, to be sure,' replied

"'Yes,' said the proprietor, but what

Pedro Ezequiel Rojas, who has been The government probably was already an antiquity, and that the appointed Venezuelan Minister to Washhas more to gain, proportionately, than a private business concern, because the presumably more archaic methods to be presumably more archaic methods to be found to start with would give broader Austria has entered the competition? The living for months at a time in New an opinion without having first studied to structure appointed Venezuelan Minister to Washington, is well known in this country. If don't know, I don't care to express found to start with would give broader Austria has entered the competition? The scope for reform. The ultimate annual hard and fast alliance between her gov- York. Mr. Rojas is the first Minister acsaving to be effected by thorough system in the government service would be likely to run far into the millions. An extraggle, makes the ships she may build dent of Vapezuela whose degradal at the head of the water detem in the government service would be surely indicated in the recent balant of Mr. Andrade, the brother of the Fresh McFarland at the head of the water delikely to run far into the millions. An struggle, makes the ships she may build dent of Venezuela, whose downfall was partment. They can rest assured they example is afforded by the Post-office De-partment, where the experiment of em-as if they floated the flag of Kaiser Wil-drade's retirement his secretary. Mr. Pu-won't be his fault. In this connection le ploying experts to suggest changes in helm himself. Indeed, in one respect they drade's retirement his secretary, Mr. Pu- won't be his fault. In this connection let bookkeeping and business methods was are more threatening. Their appearance lide, was appointed charge d'affaires, a me say that as far as my information The parrot is proof of the fact that saving of \$2,000,000 during the year 1908. The nature of a flank he was summarily recalled for some allowed by the saving of \$2,000,000 during the year 1908. here may be much talk where there is while the saving for the current year movement upon the British empire of leged misconduct by the autocrat, who sold in Washington." now stands before the world as "a man "David Belasco, the playwright, was bewithout a country." Mr. Rojas is said ing congratulated on the success of his to be one of the cleverest diplomatists in low G. A. R. drama," said Simon B. Venezuela, and, besides, is an accomplished and agreeable man, who will do Bernheimer, a theatrical manager of New much to heal the breach that has so long York, at the Arlington, last night. existed between Venezuela and the United "'Writing plays is perilous business, delay his arrival until late in the spring. written twenty superb pieces is just as His secretary, Senor Gil-Borgas, is the likely to be damned on his twenty-first as son of a distinguished family of Caracas, any tyro. and belongs to the young progressive

# Onto the Democratic Game.

confidence of the people. The man who stage, stands for tariff for revenue only on products in which he and his district are amid the uproar, a lady behind him duties on products in which he and his knowing you to be author of this play, district are interested, cannot possibly I took the liberty at the beginning of exert any influence. It is the misfortune the performance of snipping off a lock of the Democratic party that it numbers of your hair. Allow me now to return in its membership at the present time it to you."

Carrying It Too Far.

From the Charlotte (N. C.) Observer,

Mutual Exclusion.

From the Manchester Union At last, a bond of sympathy between Japan and Russia has manifested itself. man of the gospel, "have found at last The Mikado's government has issued an hospitable welcome, and the fruits of such edict suppressing and rigorously exclud- seed-sowing are well expressed by ing Tolstoi's writings from the country.

'COUSIN SERENO'S PSALM OF LIFE.'

We are making a mistake; Still the duped consumer slumbers,

He will never get awake. Sign and send them if you please, Still we'll fix up fine conditions For our infant industries

Can't they mend the things some way?

And we'll drive 'em, betcher life, Trusts are lovely, trusts are pleasant! Notwithstanding what is said! Where does Landis stand at present? Why, he might as well be dead.

Cheaper gloves would be a crime.

Scorn your sister and your mother If they happen to complain; Let them darn their stockings, brother; Tea befogs a woman's brain.

You will find us up and doing.
Always adding to the rate.
Never cutting down nor bewing.
Let consumers pay the freight. -Chicago Record-Herald

# AT THE HOTELS.

"Washington has all the possibilities Miss Cannon has been taking a rest of being, in years to come, one of the at Hot Springs, which she richly de- most beautiful cities in the world," said official set of Washington more conscient of Toronto, Canada, at the Raleigh last tious, more indefatigable in the perform- night. "Even now, Washington is a fine ance of her duties, or more devoted to place, but it is not, as has been conher friends. Her experience at the Cap- tended so much and often, the most

"I don't think," continued Mr. Allan, Lower House, at which time they lived "that I am justified in passing criticism at that historic old National Hotel. In- on your city, but when that criticism deed it is only since "Uncle Joe" was comes from a well-meaning friend, the made Speaker that they have moved up- American will readily forgive me for town and joined the ranks of the enter- what I may have to say. I think that tainers, but before that Miss Cannon, the Washington Monument is a monwho has been at the head of her father's strosity. There is nothing grand or im-

"I have been down to Mount Vernon except the place as Washington left it. I expected to see a great public something on the line of the Sieges Allee, in Berlin, or a similar place, where the nation's heroes are immortalized in marble and bronze."

William Volkhardt, of New York, a well-known waterworks man, is at the Raleigh. Discussing the question meter systems, Mr. Velkhardt, who has followed the waterworks business for the

"As a purveyor of water, meters have come to stay; they have long ago passed the experimental stage. Many years ago they were used only on large consumers. such as manufacturing establishments In all countries the heir apparent ranks because it was beyond human agency to would be consumed in a period covering rule to sell water no other way to this class of consumer. Its use then spread

"The metering of the domestic class was slow," continued the New Yorker, "caused probably through lack of information and experience regarding the rate at which water should be sold through a meter. Practice has shown that water cannot be sold at one rate to all, as is the case with gas and electricity. It also has been demonstrated that, to be sucto refuse all invitations where he is not cassful, a meter rule for water must be based on the local situation, and not on what some neighboring town or city is

charging. "To protect the sanitary condition of a town it was found essential to establish a minimum daily consumption or allowance and later to force this allowance of water by exacting a minimum charge. We have further found by practice that this allowance averages twenty gallons per capita for a house having kitchen and bathroom fixtures. The number of rooms in a house or the size of the lot has nothing to do with it. Using a basis of five persons to a family, the allowance is 100 gallons per day, 2000 galper month, or 36,000 gallons per annum. These figures I find hold good in a majority of cases. The rate should not be the same in a town having a gravity sidered at the rate-making point.

"Records of all universally metered plants show that 50 per cent of all water the backbone of the system. If this is

Unhappily, Mr. Rojas is pre- said Mr. Belasco, thoughtfully. 'With vented from immediately taking up his every fresh play an author risks his all. juties here by a serious illness which will Past triumphs don't count. He who has

"The public is critical and just before it is kind. I remember once—" "Mr. Belasco laughed.

'There was once,' he resumed, 'a playwright who sat in the front row of stalls It is high time the Democrats realize at the first night of a new play of his that they cannot play both sides of this piece failed. It failed dreadfully fame and expect to receip the approximation of the life piece failed. It failed dreadfully fame and expect to receip the approximation of the middle of the third act. game and expect to retain the respect and the entire company was hissed off the

"As the playwright sat, pale and sad, not interested, while advocating high leaned over and sald: 'Excuse me, sir; but

Rev. Dr. William N. Curry, of Chicago, who has spent many years in the missionary field in Turkey, and who is The Federal government's action in re- at the Raleigh, said last night that it may storing Jefferson Davis' name to the stone be asserted without fear of contradiction tablet on Cabin John Bridge is as much that Americans gave modern education the right sort of thing as the Mississippt to the people of Turkey, and for eighty public's proposed action in placing Jeffer- years have prepared and distributed son Davis' likeness upon the battle ship among all classes books, pamphlets, and Mississippi's silver service is the wrong periodicals setting forth, as they have also taught, the brotherhood of man, the common fatherhood of God, and the fact that righteousness exalteth a man, a

race, and also a nation "These ideas and ideals," continued the watchword of the reformer, 'Laberty, equality, unity, and fraternity.' New Turkey is looking to Europe for help in reorganizing her army and navy, but she turns to America and Americans for help in constructing a system of general education and in perfecting her institutions

"While other nations have been in con flict with Turkey," added Rev. Mr. Curry "wrangling over spheres of influence and territorial aggressions, we of America through our missionaries and our missionary institutions, have been exalting the arts of peace, purity of life, freedom of the press, general education, persistent ndustry, and the common brotherhood of

That Tobacco Joker.

From the Philadelphia Record. The war stamp tax on tobacco has disappeared long since, and there is now a question of its revival. When the tax was in force the packages were reduced in weight by ounces in order that the tax might not fall on the manufacturer. When the tax was repealed the weight of the packages remained the same. Should the tax be revived the packages will have to undergo another reduction.

The Popular Issue. From the New York Mail.

women.

Suffrage is all well enough, but the paramount issue just now is "Hats for

# THE BIG STICK

OLD SWEET SONGS.

By William D. Hoover.

WASHINGTON, APRIL 10, 1909.

MASTERPIECES OF LOCAL ART.

GOING SOME.

of Washington artists in the last

precedented interest and excitemen

discovery of great talent which had

issue of The Big Stick caused un-

THE ORGANIST.

By Edw. H. Droop.





Gas-Col. William Hart did his

best to secure a reduction to cents. He is one of the people.

markable as it may seem, The Big Stick has been able to fill his place To-day's column, so quaintly sparkling with philosophy, is from the trenchant pen of Col. O. O. Stealey. By Edw. W. Donn, jr. teenth street, it is just around the ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS. philosophic gems, the dear reade Curlous-Yes; he stopped his paper stantly attuned to this pre-eminent

We congratulate ourselves.

TWIN TRIBUTES By T. C. NOYES. Do you know him-Harry Brown? Best of fellows in the town! Quick of wit and true as steel, Stands by friends through woe an

Fine exponent of square deal. Grim old joker, I declare. Hat I lift to his renown, Throw it high for Harry Brown! By O. K. DAVIS. Know this man of whom you speak? Why, with love of him I reek. Asks brusque questions like Ting

Catechizes through and through-As a wag he'll surely do. Drink it deep to Harry Brown! (Revised by Le Roy Vernon.)

MYTHICAL MYTHOLOGY. Vulcan was pottering away at the forge.

"Well, how's everything?" in sing gladly we sing, voices attuned to glory so the strength of the stren "Rotten," snapped Vulcan. "Since

the change in administration on March 4 there has been nothing doing at all in the thunderbolt busi-Whereupon Mars violously kicked Wing, wing, love's on the wing, one of the dogs of war in the slats and said bad words.

Wing, wing, love's on the wing.

Cupid's at large with nothing to fear.

String string, touch loudest string. one of the dogs of war in the slats and said bad words.

"Pa is nearly worried to death," id little Algernon Centaur to his

"How's that?" asked his com-

CAPRICIOUS SPRING. Tuesday.

Voices attuned to glory so near. Ring. ring. let the bell ring. Greet the warm sunshine ever so

Melody scatter that all may hear.

Stung, stung, bitterly stung! Nose frostbitten, alas and alack! wrung. wrung. how my heart's wrung. And little Algy at that point gave the other youth the other worth. the other youth the original horse laugh.

J. B. REYNOLDS. | Read the Bingville Bugle to-morrow.

J. Thilman Hendrick missed writing four \$50,000 hie insurance policies in his eagerness to explain to a sheet as The Big Stick (and such his friends the fine points of his "Megaphone Man." Cuno H. Rudolph's "At the Sea-shore" has been purchased by the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. Spring! Spring! Hail, gentle Spring! Tarry a while and give us good

Henry E. Davis has lost sight of

A SPRIG SOG.

There's a worl do' glee ag glagness Ig the dipled cheegs o' Sprig; There is naught o' sighs ag sagness Ig the sogs she's wont to sig.
Sweet be gloagig that comes after
Spriksige's suggy, sleeps day;
Sweet the lift of wigsog laughter
In the childreg at their play!
But I hesitate to sig it.
Further praises, trite and old.
Fur you can see day the terms.

FIFTEENTH STREET

THE PHILOSOPHY OF

THE SLEUTH.

By Richard Sylvester,

TWO CENTS.

What we want in this country is edition was disposed of early. The a breakfast-table currency. Admirer-Quite right. Harry West been lying dormant and unpublished has a fine singing voice and excels created a furore among the oldest Sam Blythe is a living refutation as an impresario. Aubere is a librabitants, and originals have been of Hazlitt's legic that "Satirists

tenor.

Tariff—Arthur Dedge is the only out-and-out free-trader in the gallery. He was a charter member of the Cobden Club.

Eligibility—The Press Club has not yet taken up the question of admitting women writers to active membership. Ernest Walker favors the idea. When I see a man taking a taxi-Cosmopolitan — Bedloe Bey divides his time between Washington, Philadelphia, London, Cairo, and Singapore. He is native born, not naturalized. Washington is really his bome.

Edwin C. Graham tells me there Henry E. Davis has lost sight of the Warner libel suit in his enjoy. Is one sure sigh of the true openment of the many congratulations he received for his conception of "The Orator."

Is one sure sigh of the true openment of the warner wing. "Is it cold for hot; enough for you?" Judged by that standard, Ralph Lee says the town is full of Ralph Lee says the town is full of the wing.

the poet's finger has passed over

Rankin Young, who added: poet's finger has obviously been withheld from the tariff debate." That seems to me an unwise slam at Congress, coming from such a source. O. O. S.

Truther praises, trite and one of the source.

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That I've got ag awful cold.

J. K. STAUFFER.

Read the Bingville Bugle to-moxrow.